

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 815
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Janet Buote for
outstanding work as a legislative intern for
Representative Don Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, throughout the course of each legislative session, there have emerged
certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Janet Buote has distinguished herself as one such individual through her
excellent work as a legislative intern for Representative Don Ridgeway and for the Ad Hoc
Unemployment Committee; her fine efforts have resulted in untold benefits for the members and
committees she served and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a native of Paducah, Kentucky, Janet is the daughter of Barbara Gilbert and
the late William Gilbert, Sr. ; she has resided in Gleason, Tennessee for the past eight years;
and

WHEREAS, a highly regarded student at the University of Tennessee at Martin, Janet
will graduate in May 1998 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in
Sociology; and

WHEREAS, she has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Janet has a 3.3 grade point average in her major and also holds a
Certificate in Forensic Anthropology; and

WHEREAS, she also attended Paducah Community College in the Summer of 1983,
earning an enviable 3.67 grade point average; and

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WHEREAS, in the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, Janet has generously lent her time and leadership as the 1996-1997 Secretary of the Criminal Justice Society, as a member of the Criminal Justice Society since 1993, as the organizer of a trip to Knoxville for that society, and as the organizer for a Murder Mystery, as a valuable 1994-1995 member of the Psychology Club and as a 1997 member of the Sociology Club; and

WHEREAS, she has also worked diligently in numerous community activities, including the Gleason Gazelles, the Tatertown Special, the Miss Tatertown Beauty Review, the Little Miss Tatertown Beauty Review, the Junior Parade, and the Tatertown Parade; and

WHEREAS, she has served as an adept fundraiser for the Future Homemakers of America, and as an expert coach of both slow and fast-pitch softball teams; and

WHEREAS, her many volunteer contributions include helping to supervise Adult Probation cases for the Tennessee Department of Correction in Dresden during the Summer of 1996; and

WHEREAS, her varied work experience has included admirable service as a Medical Claims Adjuster for McDonnell Douglas Aeronautics Company from 1985-1992, work-study with the University of Tennessee at Martin Psychology Department in 1993-1994 and work-study with the University of Tennessee at Martin Sociology Department; and

WHEREAS, during the 1998 legislative session, Janet has exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in her studies, Janet Buote brought her many skills to the State Capitol for the 1998 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, her cherished memories of her internship include the interns' visit to the state prison being cut short because of an escaped prisoner, learning how to squirm her way out of paying parking tickets, finding her way around Nashville, and surviving the tornado that hit downtown Nashville on Thursday, April 16, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Janet is the mother of two daughters, Tina, age 16, who is a sophomore at Gleason High School and Michelle, age 14, who is a seventh grader at McMurray Junior High School, in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, Janet Buote has performed her many responsibilities with extraordinary intelligence and alacrity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Janet Buote for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Representative Don Ridgeway and wish her much success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.